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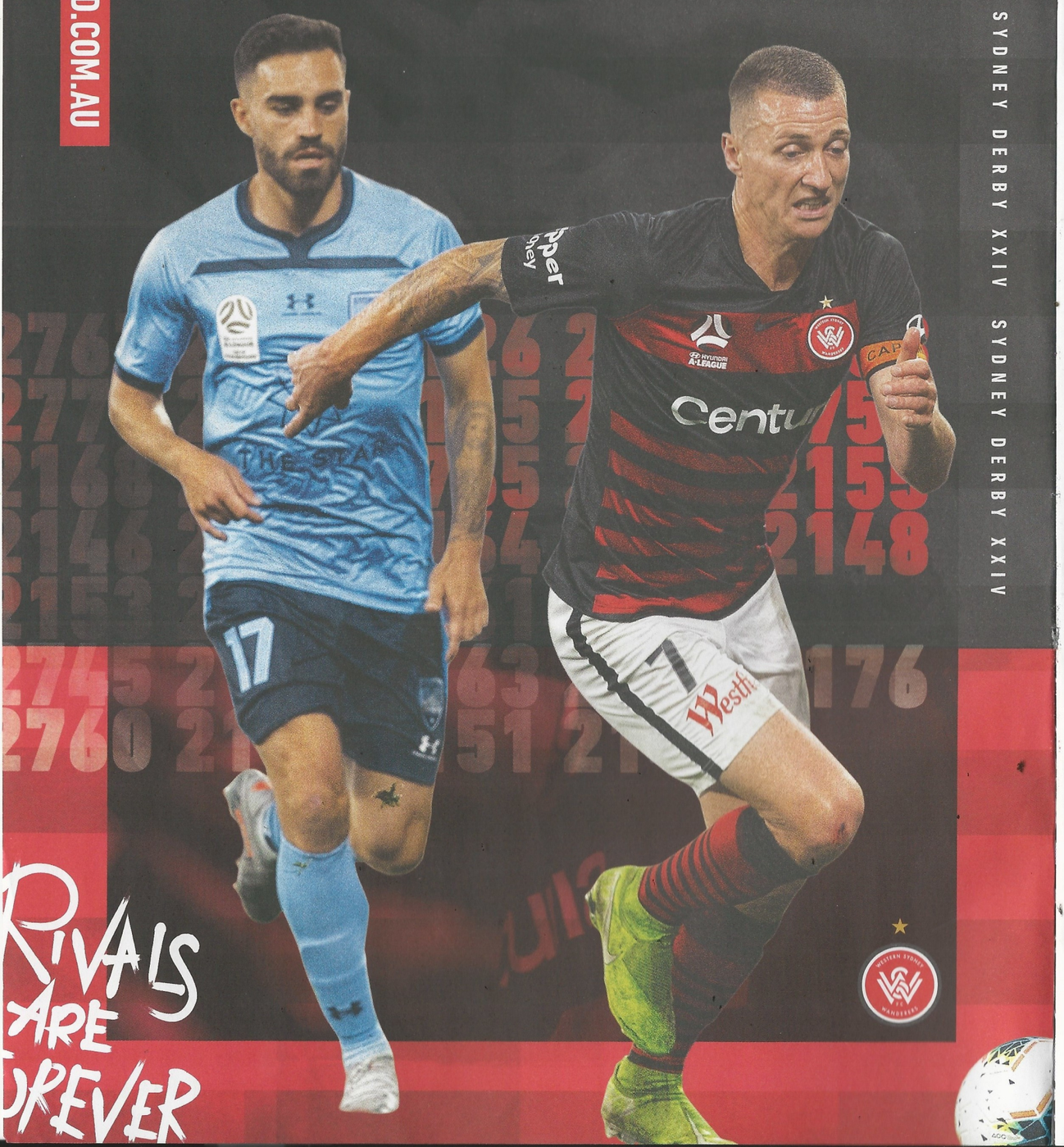


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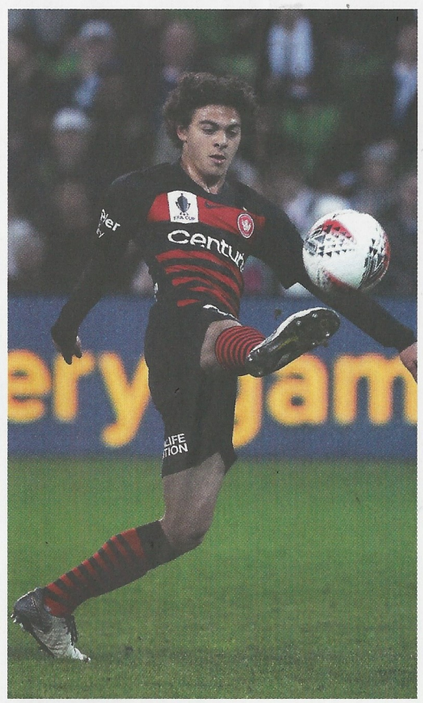

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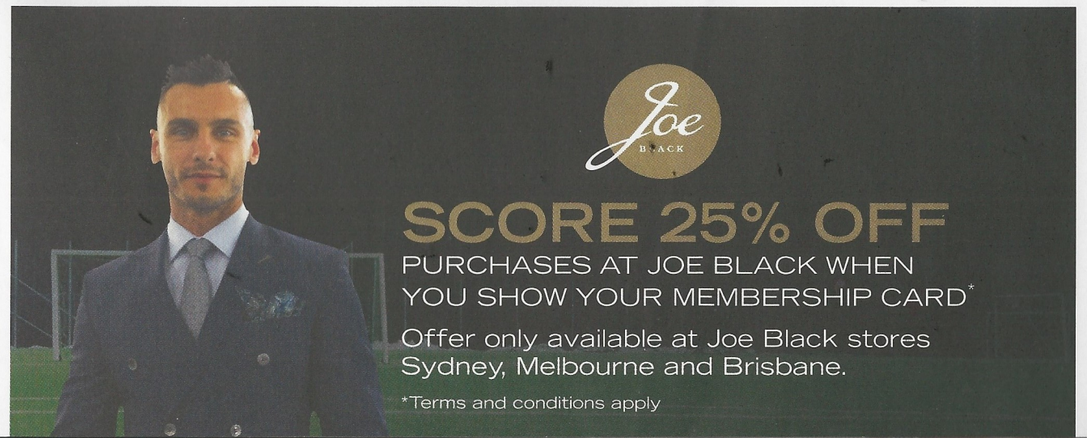

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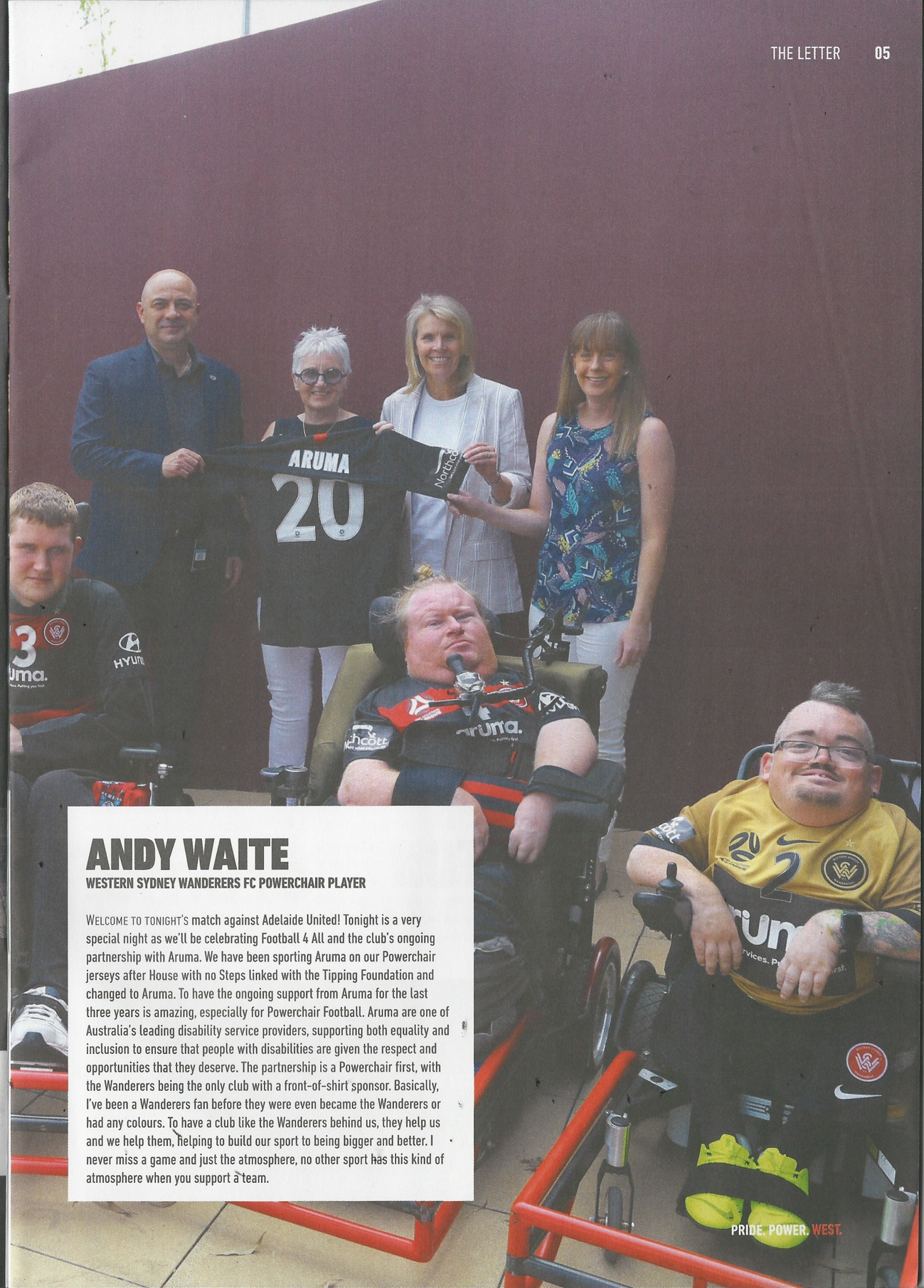


# ANDY WAITE

**WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS FC POWERCHAIR PLAYER**

WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S match against Adelaide United! Tonight is a very special night as we'll be celebrating Football 4 All and the club's ongoing partnership with Aruma. We have been sporting Aruma on our Powerchair jerseys after House with no Steps linked with the Tipping Foundation and changed to Aruma. To have the ongoing support from Aruma for the last three years is amazing, especially for Powerchair Football. Aruma are one of Australia's leading disability service providers, supporting both equality and inclusion to ensure that people with disabilities are given the respect and opportunities that they deserve. The partnership is a Powerchair first, with the Wanderers being the only club with a front-of-shirt sponsor. Basically, I've been a Wanderers fan before they were even became the Wanderers or had any colours. To have a club like the Wanderers behind us, they help us and we help them, helping to build our sport to being bigger and better. I never miss a game and just the atmosphere, no other sport has this kind of atmosphere when you support a team.

# MATCH PREVIEW

*(Top to bottom) Patrick Ziegler in concentration mode; interim head coach Jean-Paul de Marigny at training*

The Wanderers and Adelaide United will continue their healthy rivalry at Bankwest Stadium tonight as the Red & Black look to continue their mid-season revival.

With the last dramatic encounter between the two sides back in late December still fresh in the memory, members and fans can hopefully look forward to yet another exciting contest.

Few will forget the stunning finale to that game at Coopers Stadium when the Wanderers appeared set for a comfortable win leading 3-1 in the dying seconds only to have to contend with high drama as the Reds were awarded two penalties in the space of a couple of minutes.

The first was put away by George Blackwood to make it 3-2 and he had the chance to force a draw in injury time - again from the penalty spot - only to blast his effort over the bar to hand the Wanderers three much needed competition points.

Whether we get the same sort of action in this game remains to be seen, but the fact it will carry a lot of significance given both clubs still have plenty to play for this season could well set the tone for another fierce and entertaining contest.

The Wanderers are still in strong contention for a spot in the finals while the South Australians are eyeing off second place.

The Red & Black have garnered four points from their last two games following Jean-Paul de Marigny's elevation to interim head coach.

They sit in eighth spot with 18 points, seven behind sixth-placed Brisbane Roar (25 points) but still with a game in hand.

The Red & Black have shown signs of getting it together having beaten Central Coast 3-1 followed by a 1-1 draw with the Newcastle Jets last Saturday night when they were unlucky not to make it successive wins.

There has been a healthy rivalry with Adelaide, especially over the past five seasons.

This game has produced An impressive 23 goals between them over the last six games.

United represent a threat having lost just once in their past five games. They are pushing for a spot in the top two as they are just three points behind second-placed Melbourne City.

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# FIELD REPORTER

CATHERINE CANNULI
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Good evening and welcome to tonight's Hyundai A-League fixture against Adelaide United.

I can't believe how quickly the season has already gone, feels like just yesterday we were preparing for our big return to Wanderland.

It's been a rollercoaster ride for our Westfield W-League team this season with the girls playing in their final regular season home match last night.

What a journey it has been.

From wooden spooners to being one of the club's at the very top of the table, almost giving Melbourne City a run for their money for the Premiers Plate.

We've broken plenty of records this season but for me the greatest reward has been seeing how much the Wanderers community has gotten behind the team this season.

The support we have had at both our home and away games has been unbelievable and I look forward to seeing that continue in the seasons to come.

There's definitely a different energy in the team when we walk out and see that the stands are filled with a sea of Red & Black and it makes all the difference in pushing us to get a result.

But the job still isn't finished yet and next week we travel to Perth next Saturday to play in our final regular match of the season.

It will be a crucial match for a Finals Series hopes so make sure you tune in on either the MyFootball Live App or Kayo and support the girls in their push for a place in the Finals.

# ON THIS DAY

On this day in 2017, the Wanderers hosted Urawa Red Diamonds at Campbelltown Stadium in their first group stage of that year's AFC Champions League. Despite the result not going the Wanderers' way, it will always be a night to remember the exceptional talents of Wataru Endo, Yuki Muto and 2011 AFC Asian Cup final goal-scorer Tadanari Lee.

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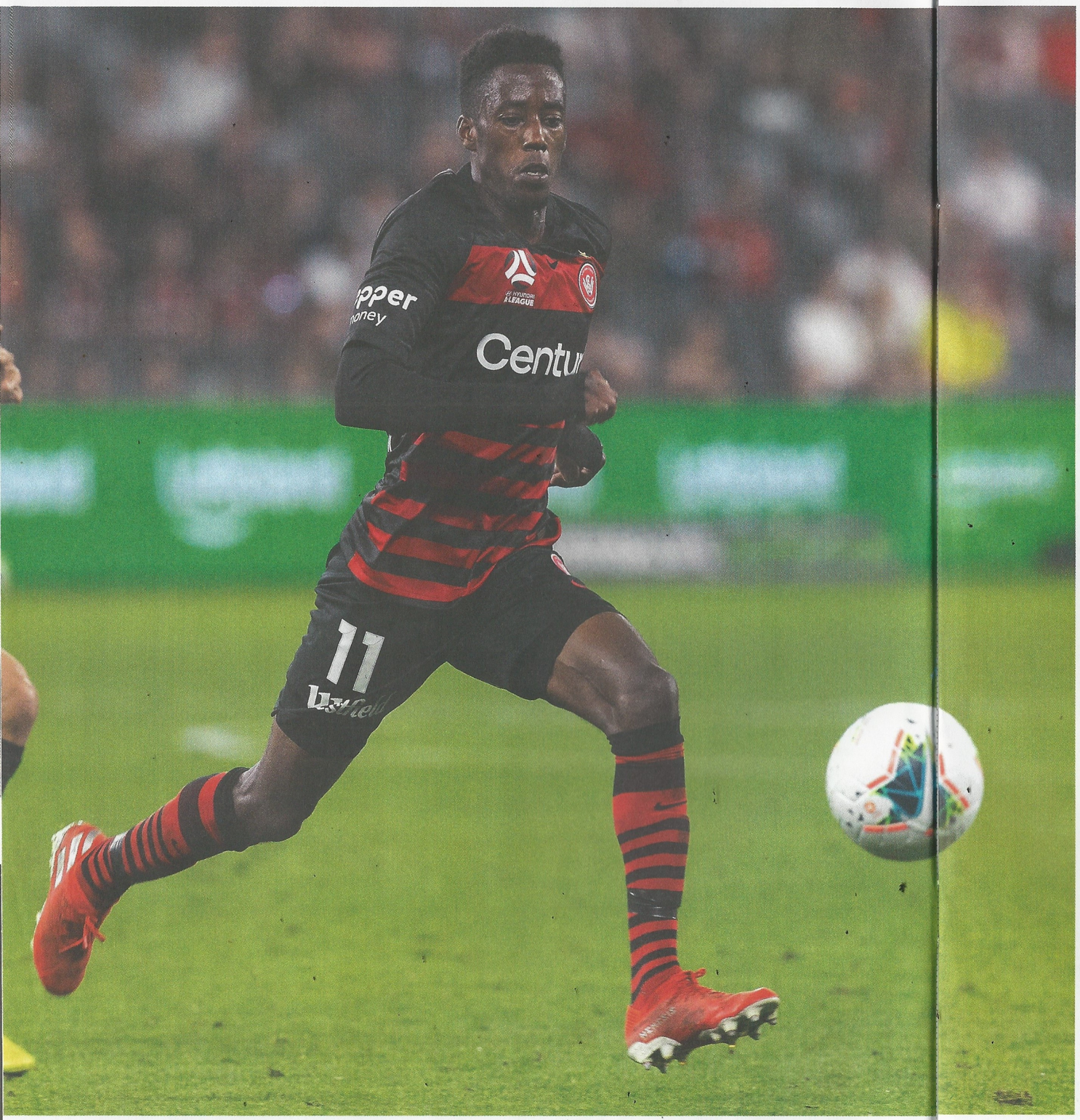


# KAMAU KILLIN' IT

## THE EMERGENCE OF BRUCE KAMAU 2.0

ONE OF A host of impressive performers during the seemingly never-ending pre-season, Kamau was unfortunately struck down with a groin injury with the start of the Hyundai A-League season agonizingly in sight.

It saw him spend almost two months on the sidelines as he worked tirelessly to get back to peak fitness as the Wanderers got off to a terrific start, going unbeaten in their opening four games.

Even though the waters have slightly changed since then, Kamau has continued to build on his performances each week since his return to competitive football, becoming an integral part of the Wanderers starting eleven.

Since joining the Red & Black from City last season, Kamau has shown his versatility and ability to adapt his game.

Fast-paced and determined Kamau has played a key role in producing space for the Wanderers to create a plethora of chances this season.

# "We're trying to play some good football and put some results together back to back."

Kamau was originally signed as an attacker, but Wanderers coaching staff saw something in him that suggested he could be useful playing in a deeper role.

After shifting from right wing to wing-back, Kamau has had to work hard to find his feet in his new position.

And the hard-work has been paying off with Kamau being named the Wanderers' Man of the Match in last Saturday's clash against the Jets.

Humble as ever, Kamau said there was still plenty to work in the club's sprint to the Finals Series.

"Not the greatest result and we would rather win at home, but we take the positives out of the game," said Kamau.

"We made a lot of chances and unfortunately we couldn't convert, but you know come next week and the following weeks if we're able to do that then I think we will be a very hard team to beat.

"We're trying to play some good football and put some results together back to back.

"Playing against Newcastle Jets at home, at least we aren't come away with a loss so we will look to rectify that on Friday night.

"The boys are really keen to get back to winning ways and I think just a bit of concentration.

"I think we've been getting better at that and it's been showing by the way we've been going about our games.

"I think we've been start off the first and the second half really strong and we need to be able to keep that throughout the 90 minutes."

*(Left to right) Kamau celebrating Mitchell Duke's goal, Kamau celebrating Nicolai Muller's goal*

Tonight, things will come full circle for Kamau who will play against his first professional club.

Born in Kenya, Kamau moved to Adelaide with his family when he was just four year's old.

It was shortly after that Kamau signed up for his local football club, N.A.B, where he started his journey and love for the beautiful game.

From N.A.B, Kamau moved to Campbelltown City before stints at both Adelaide City and Adelaide Olympic.

Known already at that time for his incredible pace and ability to create chances, Kamau was picked up by Hyundai A-League outfit Adelaide United, where he was able to make his name on the national stage.

During his time at United, Kamau is probably best remembered for the pain he inflicted on Wanderers members and fans during the Grand Final.

Credit when credit is due, Kamau scored a spectacular goal in the Final which caught the eye of fellow Hyundai A-League side Melbourne City who signed the talented youngster the following season.

Fast forward a couple years later, and two clubs later, tonight Kamau will face the club that helped develop him into the player he is today but there's a catch - Kamau is no longer the same player he was when he left Adelaide at 20.

Smarter on the ball, dynamic and agile there's no question that the Wanderers version of Kamau is Bruce 2.0.

Kamau had to move backwards to move forwards and the gamble has paid off with Wanderers members and fans are seeing the best of Bruce.

With only seven rounds left of the regular season, there is no doubt that Kamau will continue to develop in is role as a wing-back for the club and if he continues to link up the way he has been with German playmaker Nicolai Muller, the Wanderers will surely soon begin to reap the benefits.

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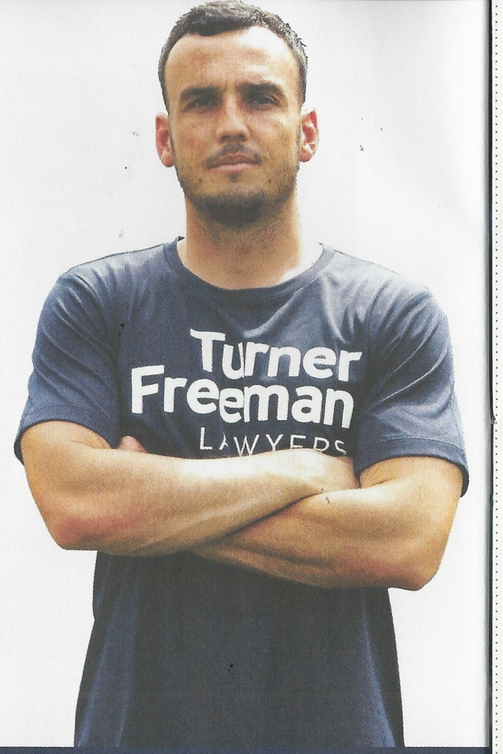


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## BRUCE KAMAU
#11 DEFENDER

**7**
GAMES PLAYED THIS SEASON

| | |
|---|---|
| 57.6% | 51.3% |
| DUEL SUCCESS RATE | |
| 19 | 5 |
| TOTAL OPEN PLAY CROSSES | |
| 8 | 0 |
| TOTAL SHOTS | |
| 11 | 1 |
| KEY PASSES | |
| 81.7% | 81.1% |
| PASSING SUCCESS RATE | |

**11**
GAMES PLAYED THIS SEASON

## MICHAEL MARRONE
#2 DEFENDER

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# SIGHTS ON FINALS

## THE WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS WESTFIELD W-LEAGUE TEAM ARE EDGING CLOSER TO MAKING HISTORY

IT'S BEEN A record-breaking season so far for the Wanderers Westfield W-League team who are getting closer and closer to making their very first Finals appearance.

The Wanderers stunned the competition when they surged out to three straight wins in the 2019/20 campaign but it was not until they demolished reigning Champions and Harbour City rivals Sydney FC 5-0 in Round 5 that Western Sydney truly announced themselves as genuine threats to the Westfield W-League's establishment.

Led by United States dynamo Kristen Hamilton, Dean Heffernan's side are one of the competition's underdogs, but some cracks began to emerge when they were hammered 4-0 at home by Brisbane Roar and fell to a 3-2 loss at rock bottom Adelaide United.

But it's not all doom and gloom, nothing ever comes easy, and the Wanderers know that moments like these will help them build resilience when it comes around to the Finals series.

The Wanderers have never qualified for the Finals and they have never been in a better position to do so.

The Red & Black have recorded their highest ever points in a single season, a feat that will forever be remembered in the club's history.

Names like Kristen Hamilton, Denise O'Sullivan, Abby Smith, Alex Huynh, Sam Staab, Amy Harrison, Kyra Cooney-Cross, Ella Mastrantonio, Erica Halloway, and Courtney Nevin are on the lips of the fans.

But, the results are not flukes.

It's been the tireless training sessions that head coach Dean Heffernan and his assistants, Wanderers legends, Michael Beauchamp and Catherine Cannuli have put together to ensure that the Red & Black have the best possible chance in securing a Finals berth for the first time in the club's history.

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*(Top) The Wanderers celebrating their last win against Perth Glory*

The Red & Black will wrap up the regular season next Saturday when they travel to the West Coast to play in a decisive match against Perth Glory.

The match will also mark the second time the club have faced Perth this season.

In their last meeting, the Wanderers jumped back into second spot on the table after a hard fought 3-1 win over Perth Glory at Bankwest Stadium.

Goals from Caitlin Cooper, Cortnee Vine and an own goal secured the three competition points as the Red & Black bounced back from the shock loss to Brisbane Roar.

The Wanderers led 1-0 at the break having dominated most of the game but could have gone into the break with a greater margin.

They were stunned shortly after half time when Perth equalised, but they quickly regained their composure to score another couple of goals.

Defensively, the Red & Black were very solid, especially Alex Huynh who was typically strong in the air. So good was the defensive work that Glory did not have their first shot on goal until the 25th minute.

The result was a fitting reward for Wanderers midfielder's Ella Mastrantonio and Denise O'Sullivan.

Mastrantonio was playing her 100th W-League game while O'Sullivan completed her seven-game guest stint with the club.

The Red & Black will no doubt be hoping it'll be a case of history repeating itself when they face Perth on Saturday night with a win putting them in hot contention for a spot in the Westfield W-League Finals Series.

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| ☐ | ☐ | 4 | DYLAN **McGOWAN** | DEFENDER | ACCESS FIRE |
| ☐ | ☐ | 5 | DANIEL **GEORGIEVSKI** | DEFENDER | VACCARO GROUP |
| ☐ | ☐ | 6 | MATTHEW **JURMAN** | DEFENDER | MATE |
| ☐ | ☐ | 7 | MITCHELL **DUKE** | FORWARD | PEPPER MONEY |
| ☐ | ☐ | 8 | JORDAN **O'DOHERTY** | MIDFIELDER | JD SPORTS |
| ☐ | ☐ | 9 | NICOLAI **MÜLLER** | FORWARD | STULZ |
| ☐ | ☐ | 10 | SIMON **COX** | MIDFIELDER | TURNER FREEMAN LAWYERS |
| ☐ | ☐ | 11 | BRUCE **KAMAU** | FORWARD | CASTLE HILL HYUNDAI |
| ☐ | ☐ | 13 | TASS **MOURDOUKOUTAS** | DEFENDER | TRINITAS GROUP |
| ☐ | ☐ | 16 | MATHIEU **CORDIER** | DEFENDER | BELLROCK BROKING |
| ☐ | ☐ | 17 | KEANU **BACCUS** | MIDFIELDER | BEST SIGNS |
| ☐ | ☐ | 19 | PIRMIN **SCHWEGLER** | MIDFIELDER | CENTURIA |
| ☐ | ☐ | 20 | VEDRAN **JANJETOVIC** | GOALKEEPER | JOE BLACK |
| ☐ | ☐ | 22 | NICHOLAS **SULLIVAN** | MIDFIELDER | A.S.S. FENCING |
| ☐ | ☐ | 23 | KOSTA **GROZOS** | MIDFIELDER | GPP EXCAVATIONS |
| ☐ | ☐ | 27 | KWAME **YEBOAH** | FORWARD | REES ELECTRICAL |
| ☐ | ☐ | 28 | FABIAN **MONGE** | MIDFIELDER | CHOICE PHARMACY |
| ☐ | ☐ | 29 | DANIEL **WILMERING** | MIDFIELDER | WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY |
| ☐ | ☐ | 31 | NOAH **PAGDEN** | DEFENDER | BELLROCK BROKING |
| ☐ | ☐ | 33 | TATE **RUSSELL** | DEFENDER | INDUSTRIAL HARVEST |
| ☐ | ☐ | 34 | PATRICK **ZIEGLER** | DEFENDER | MULTIQUIP |
| ☐ | ☐ | 35 | MOHAMED **ADAM** | FORWARD | LANDSCAPE SOLUTIONS |
| ☐ | ☐ | 40 | NICHOLAS **SUMAN** | GOALKEEPER | HERTZ |

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| 4 | ADELAIDE UNITED | 17 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 27 |
| 5 | WELLINGTON PHOENIX | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 27 |
| 6 | BRISBANE ROAR FC | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 25 |
| 7 | WESTERN UNITED FC | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 21 |
| 8 | WANDERERS FC | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 18 |
| 9 | MELBOURNE VICTORY | 17 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 16 |
| 10 | NEWCASTLE JETS | 17 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 14 |
| 11 | CENTRAL COAST MARINERS | 17 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 13 |

**ROUND 20 MATCHES**

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CORRECT AS OF ROUND 12

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| 2 | SYDNEY FC | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 22 |
| 3 | WANDERERS FC | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 19 |
| 4 | MELBOURNE VICTORY | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 17 |
| 5 | BRISBANE ROAR FC | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 14 |
| 6 | CANBERRA UNITED | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 13 |
| 7 | PERTH GLORY | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 8 | NEWCASTLE JETS | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| 9 | ADELAIDE UNITED | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 |

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**ROUND 13 MATCHES**

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| 2 | MICHAEL **MARRONE** | DEFENDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 | RYAN **STRAIN** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 | MICHAEL **MARIA** | DEFENDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6 | STEFAN **MAUK** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7 | RYAN **KITTO** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8 | RILEY **McGREE** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10 | JAMES **TRIOSI** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 11 | KRISTIAN **OSPETH** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 14 | GEORGE **BLACKWOOD** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 16 | NATHAN **KONSTANDOPOULOS** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 17 | NIKOLA **MILEUSNIC** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 18 | LACHLAN **BROOK** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 20 | PAUL **IZZO** | GOALKEEPER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 22 | MICHAEL **JAKOBSEN** | DEFENDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 23 | JORDAN **ELSEY** | DEFENDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 24 | PACIFIQUE **NIYONGABIRE** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 26 | BENJAMIN **HALLORAN** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 27 | LOUIS **D'ARRIGO** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 29 | KUSINI **YENGI** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 30 | ISAAC **RICHARDS** | GOALKEEPER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 31 | MIRKO **BOLAND** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 32 | CARLO **ARMIENTO** | MIDFIELDER | ☐ | ☐ |
| 35 | AL HASSAN **TOURE** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
| 39 | MOHAMED **TOURE** | FORWARD | ☐ | ☐ |
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# THE CORNER POST

TONIGHT WE'LL ONCE again be raising awareness for Play Football Round!

The two-week long event is part of the national Play Football campaign to encourage junior football participation and registration across the country.

With the grassroots season almost upon us, this is the perfect time for parents and kids to find out what playing the beautiful game is all about as well as connect with our Hyundai A-League and Westfield W-League clubs.

During the weeks of celebration, clubs will be getting out and about all over their Member Federations, running community events, training sessions and club appearances just to name a few!

The fun doesn't stop there however with exclusive ticket offers for junior registered players aged 5 to 16 as well as match day activities for junior participants at the grounds and on the pitch at half-time.

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## JUNIOR QUIZ

1. Who did the Wanderers Westfield W-League team play last night?
2. Which Wanderer celebrated their birthday on Monday?
3. Who was named the Wanderers Man of the Match last round?
4. Which Wanderer has been recently wearing the captain's armband for our W-League team?

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# WANDERERS HEAD TO NETHERLANDS

THREE WANDERERS ACADEMY PLAYERS HAVE BEEN NAMED IN THE YOUNG SOCCEROOS SQUAD SET FOR A CAMP IN THE NETHERLANDS.

WANDERERS ACADEMY PLAYERS Jarrod Carluccio, Fabian Monge and Mark Natta will gather in the Netherlands this month for a Young Socceroos talent identification camp which will include friendly matches against U-19 side from three top Eredivisie clubs.

2020 marks an important year for the Young Socceroos, with players involved in the program set to feature at the AFF U-19 Championship in Indonesia mid-year, followed by the AFC U-19 Championship in Uzbekistan in October.

The 2020 AFC U-19 Championship serves as the qualification process for the FIFA U-20 World Cup, which will next be held in Indonesia in mid-2021.

Australia's twenty-two player squad will convene in Holland this week and will train at Sportpark Kleinhoven, home of Dutch amateur league club SC Hoevelaken.

Gary van Egmond's group – which includes players based both in Australia and abroad, as well as five players that featured for the Joeys at the FIFA U-17 World Cup Brazil 2019 – will play FC Utrecht U-19 (18 February), AFC Ajax Amsterdam U-19 (22 February) and FC Twente U-19 (25 February) as part of the development tour.

In December 2019, a group of twenty-six players from across Australia gathered at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra for a similar camp targeted at pinpointing potential players for the Young Socceroos.

"This month's camp will provide a great opportunity for our staff to assess a diverse group of young Australian footballers in an elite environment," van Egmond said.

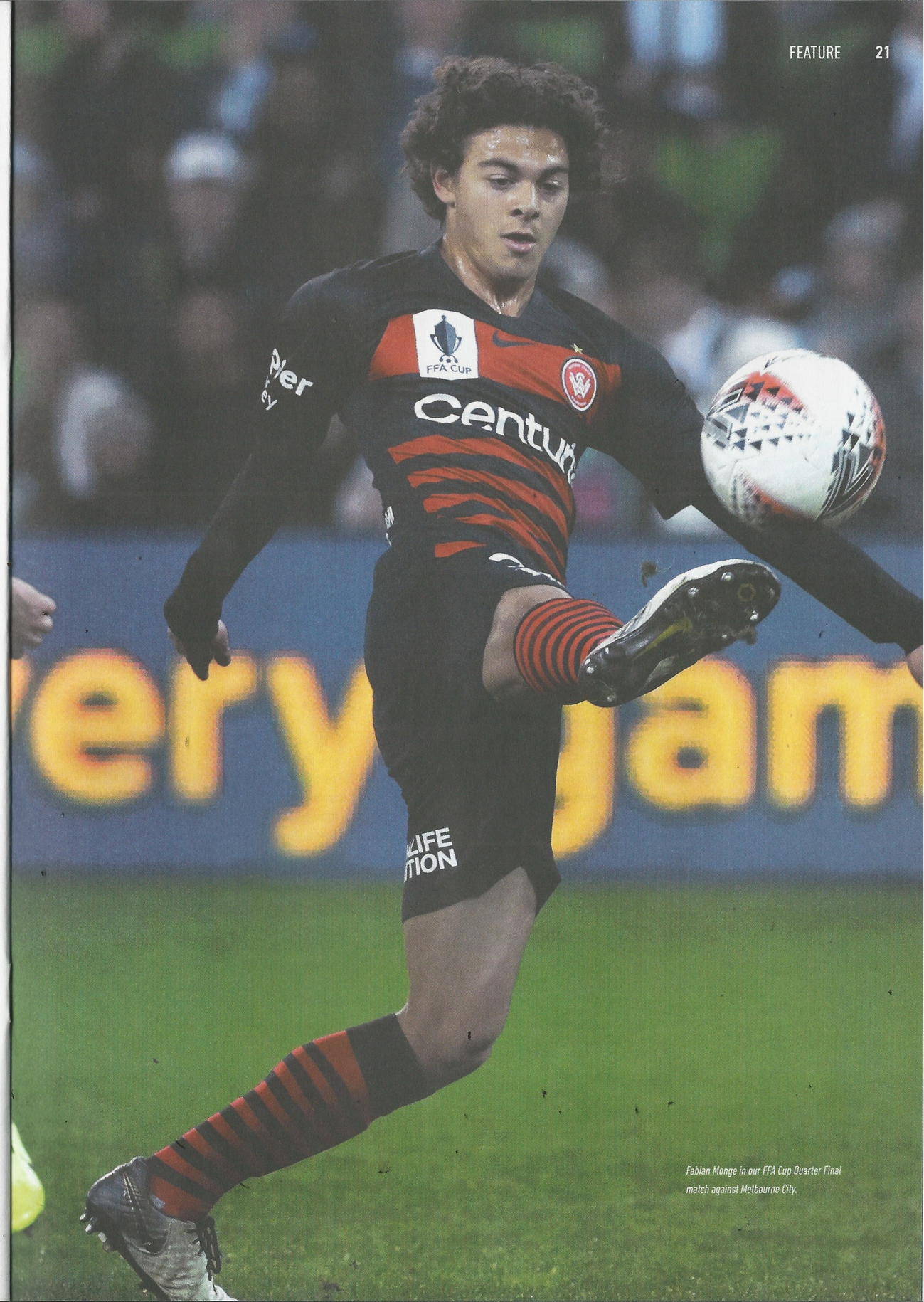
"We're pleased to have been able to schedule matches against youth teams from three top Dutch clubs, and these games as well as the time we spend together will help us attain a clearer picture of some of the players who may form part of our squads for tournaments later this year."

The Wanderers Academy have on of the largest representation in the squad with Academy Technical Director Ian Crook praising the selection of the players.

"Jarrod, Fabian and Mark's hard work in the Academy has certainly paid off with their selection in the Young Socceroos squad.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for them to play against some of the top sides in the Eredivisie and it's another great step in their development."






*Fabian Monge in our FFA Cup Quarter Final match against Melbourne City.*

# FOOTBALL UNITES TO HELP BUSHFIRE VICTIMS

## FOOTBALL WORKING TOGETHER TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED IS A BEAUTIFUL THING, SOMETHING OUR GAME DOES EVER SO WELL.

STORY BY MARK STAVROULAKIS

FOOTBALL NSW AND the Wanderers have thrown their support behind bringing a group of Under 13-year-old representative boys from the Far South Coast Football Association in what is tipped to be an unforgettable experience for all involved.

Nicknamed "The Coasties", the Far South Coast Football Association representative side consists of twelve players hailing from Bega, Bemboka, Eden, Mallacoota, Merimbula, Pambula, Tathra and Wolumla, all of which cannot wait to embark on this trip kicking off on Friday 21st of February.

Coach Dean Denaro and Assistant Manager Josh Dorrough were the brains behind getting this off he ground during a tragic time that saw the Far South Coast area devastated by the tragic bushfires that ripped through the area as people lost their lives as well as their properties amongst many other valuable items.

Football was also heavily affected in the Far South Coast area due to the fires and as Dorrough explained to Football NSW, the brains trust needed to do something in getting the round ball game back to its young aspiring footballers within their region.

"Dean and I were discussing when and whether we would be able to start training this year," said Josh Dorrough.

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*(Top) Players from Far South Coast football and their coaches.*

"At the time, I was home keeping an eye out for spot-fires, surrounded by smoke, there was a bushfire raging to our north and my son was evacuated (for the fourth time since Christmas) with the remainder of the family, pets and horses.

"This had become "normal", and we were one of the fortunate families whose business and home weren't directly impacted.

"Every one of the boys families have been impacted in some way.

"Some of the boys had been developing asthma like conditions from the smoke, they were about to start back at school and none of them had been doing any physical activity for weeks.

"Many of the parents were unable to work or businesses were struggling, while the constant focus on bushfires was adding to the kids stress.

"While all the bushfire recovery work in the region has been amazing, the kids and sport were being neglected.

"We decided we needed to find something positive for the boys and so I rang the Western Sydney Wanderers.

"When I spoke to Anthony Siciliano at the Wanderers, he immediately saw that they could offer something, his enthusiasm has been amazing as was their instant positive response."

The trip itself will see parents and coaching staff carpooling the squad to Sydney on the 21st of February where they will trek for six hours from Bega with the team bound for a brief stadium tour at Bankwest in Parramatta whilst getting match day tickets to see the Red and Black take on Adelaide United that evening.

"The entire squad cannot wait for this trip.

"We are very excited in taking in the stadium tour and then watching the first team play.

"We also have the possibility of playing a 5 v 5 game at half time of the seniors which will be an amazing experience for the boys.

"On Saturday, the Wanderers academy coach is running a training session for the boys and if all goes well, our team will be there to see the senior side running through its recovery paces post-match.

"All our accommodation is being provided free of charge by Football NSW, without this, we probably would have had to pull the pin so we are forever grateful for this."

Football working together to assist those in need is a beautiful thing, something our game does ever so well.

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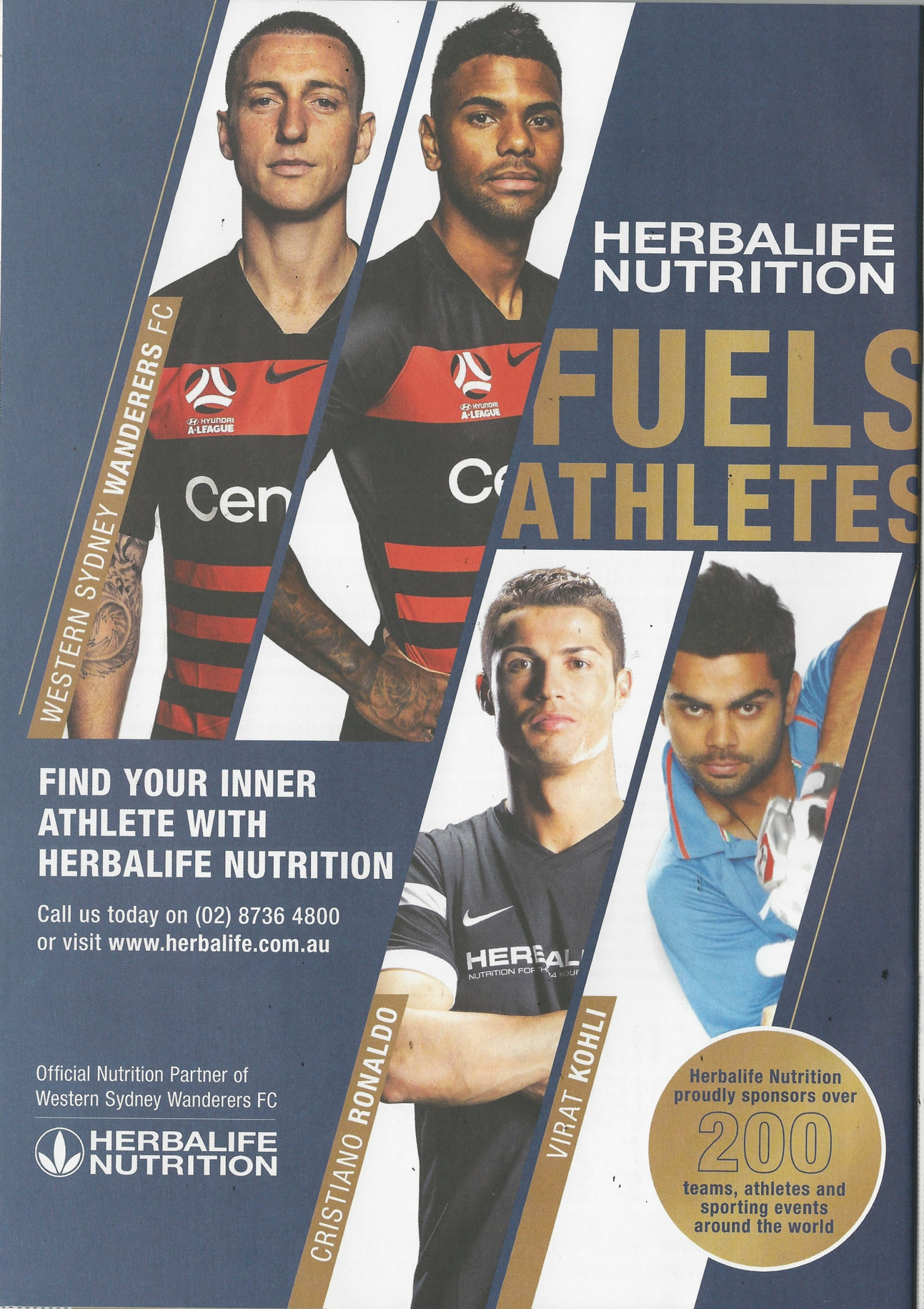





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## SIMON COX ON FINDING HIS FEET IN WESTERN SYDNEY

I'VE FOUND MY feet quite nicely and pretty quickly actually, it's a lot easier for me when you come into a group and they're welcoming.

Apart from the weather recently, it's been really good.

I spoke to a few people who had played over here before and they only said good things about the Wanderers and about the stadium, but then when I came here to the training ground I was really surprised.

I wasn't expecting the level of facilities that are here, so I was really pleased with that.

Because the training ground is where we do our work, this is where we are at more times than we are at home.

So I'm a big believer that the training ground has to have a good environment for everybody to want to do good work.

Ahead of my first match at the club, we went to the Wanderers Centre of Football, had a pre-match meal, had a meeting and then we left on the bus to go to the game.

I'm very new to this when it comes to how long it takes to get to games, so we were just chatting on the bus on what to expect.

Then you pull up to a stadium with palm trees in the background and you think what's going on here?

It was a lovely stadium, the pitch was decent and obviously I wasn't expecting to start as I was only here for a week so it was nice to get off the bench and get a significant amount of minutes in and help the boys get three significant points.

It's been a good start, and now I want a bit more of that.

I'm not here to sit and watch, I've come here to play, score goals and help the team achieve good things.

The ambition from the top is that we need to make the finals and if I can help the whole team be successful then that's what I'm here to do.

I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead and you can see that if you do win a game, you can close the gap a bit quicker and we're looking forward to the task ahead. W

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# CLUB CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

THE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE program has been designed to help facilitate training for your grassroots club's Miniroos, coaches and club volunteers.

**WHO RUNS IT?**
Wanderers Development Coaches who are qualified and experienced in coach development at a grassroots level. Each coach follows the FFA National Curriculum and ensures that the program reaches local association requirements in football development.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**
Wanderers Development Coaches provide the setup, structure and program of your Miniroos training for either one session or up to a season.

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**BENEFITS OF GRASSROOTS COOPERATIVE:**
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- The new benchmark in player development
- Support for your Miniroos coaches
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- Coach development
- Player and team development
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# HELPING OUT

THIS WEEK OUR Centuria Wandercrew volunteer of the week is Ball Kids Coordinator, Vanessa Carrett, and our Hyundai A-League Ball Kids!

Vanessa and our Ball Kids ensure that our game keeps on going during match play here at Wanderland.

They are a part of the Centuria Wandercrew workforce and roles range from helping with our activations to taking care helping at various events we host over the season.

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A new name that's made up of two trusted organisations with a combined history of over 100 years.

You may remember them as House with No Steps and The Tipping Foundation (in Victoria).

They are now Aruma.

**SO, WHY THE NAME CHANGE?**

"We were two leading organisations founded by incredible and passionate people: Lionel and Dorothy Watts, and Bill and Marjorie Tipping," said Andrew Richardson, Aruma's CEO.

"We came together in March 2018, and since our merger we have taken the time to consider what we should be called in the future."

With names that stood for so much, considering the future brand of the merged group was a big task. The organisation spoke with hundreds of its staff and a cross-section of customers and their families to understand their views.

"We've grown so much in recent years. In addition to House with No Steps and The Tipping Foundation joining forces, we've welcomed customers and staff from other providers, and the New South Wales and Victorian Governments."

"Our staff and customers encouraged us to be bold and to look seriously at adopting a new name. The feeling was that this would not only unite us internally, it would also position us more clearly in the rapidly-changing NDIS world," said Mr Richardson.

**AND, WHAT DOES ARUMA MEAN?**

Aruma has its roots in languages and cultures from all over the world.

It means a happy place, to plough the land, being real and true, and the calm time between sunset and sunrise – when the body and soul renews for a new day.

But the organisation is not so focused on literal explanations.

"For us, Aruma is what we make it. Aruma is a trailblazer. Aruma puts customers first and never entertains a one-size-fits-all approach. Aruma raises the bar higher," said Mr Richardson.

"Aruma is our bold, new chapter, and we're incredibly excited, and humbled, to be writing this together with our staff and our customers."

And Aruma has been proudly sponsoring the Western Sydney Wanderers Powerchair Team since 2017.

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## Ingredients

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| 1 kg | Chicken legs and wings |
| 1 tbs | Vegeta Chicken Stock Powder |
| 3 tbs | Oil |
| 80g | Bread crumbs |

Side dish: roasted peppers

## Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Sprinkle chicken with Vegeta Chicken Stock Powder, mix well to ensure meat is evenly seasoned with Vegeta.
3. Set aside chicken to marinate for about 30 minutes.
4. Cover both sides of chicken legs and wings with bread crumbs.
5. Place chicken in baking dish lined with baking paper.
6. Sprinkle chicken with oil, place in oven to bake for 40 minutes until golden and cooked through.

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